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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR FAZIO,
STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER MR FRY, NMCC//ATTENTION
CIA REP, TREASURY DEPT//INFO FOR MR JOHN YEO.

ITEM NO: 2

DATE: 7 AUGUST 1974

SUBJECT: IRAN

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THE SHAH APPARENTLY IS WEIGHING THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONALLY
PRESENTING TO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY HIS PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH
A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. SUCH A VISIT WAS THE
SUBJECT OF A SPECIAL STUDY DONE FOR THE SHAH BY THE IRANIAN FOREIGN
MINISTRY. IRAN HAS ALREADY HAD ITS PROPOSAL PUT ON ~~THE~~
~~THE~~ DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING.

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THE SHAH IS NOT LIKELY TO COMMIT HIS PRESTIGE TO A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME AT THE UN WITHOUT SOME SIGN THAT HIS PROPOSAL HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE MAJOR NUCLEAR POWERS AND GOVERNMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, PARTICULARLY INDIA. STEPS TO SOUND OUT FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS ARE UNDER WAY; BUT REACTION IS LIKELY TO BE MIXED, AT BEST.

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THE SHAH PROBABLY DOES NOT EXPECT AGREEMENT ON AN ENFORCEABLE NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE, BUT BELIEVES THAT REVIVAL OF HIS VAGUE PROPOSAL IS ESPECIALLY POLITIC IN VIEW OF RECENT EVENTS

- THE INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST,
- US AGREEMENTS TO HELP EGYPT, ISRAEL, AND IRAN DEVELOP NUCLEAR POWER, AND
- PRESS ALLEGATIONS THAT IRAN IS THINKING OF DEVELOPING

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NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

A PERSON^AL APPEARANCE AT THE UN WOULD CLEARLY UNDERSCORE THE SHAH'S DESIRE TO RELIEVE ANXIETY REGARDING IRAN'S INTENTIONS.

HE COULD ALSO CONCLUDE, HOWEVER, THAT--EVEN WITHOUT HIS GOING TO THE UN--IRAN'S DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS BEHIND THE NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE PROPOSAL WILL SUFFICE TO REASSURE IRAN'S NEIGHBORS AND FURTHER DEMONSTRATE THAT IRAN IS PLAYING A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN REGIONAL AND WORLD AFFAIRS. E-2 IMPDET.H

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